

THE CLAIMS:

The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) An electronic device, comprising:

a detecting unit adapted to detect whether a warning status has occurred;

a warning unit adapted to notify to a user that the warning status has occurred; and

a communication unit adapted to transmit warning information indicating that the warning status has occurred,

wherein, if the warning status is not released within a predetermined time, the communication unit transmits the warning information to a registered device that has been registered by the user as a device that is to receive the warning information,

if the warning status is not released in spite of transmitting the warning information to the registered device and if it is determined that the user is not near the electronic device, the communication unit transmits the warning information to one or more hand-held terminals in an external network according to a predetermined order, and

if the warning status is released within a predetermined time having elapsed from the transmission of the warning information to the hand-held terminal, the communication unit transmits warning released information indicating that the warning status has been released to the hand-held terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) The electronic device according to Claim 13, wherein, before it is determined whether or not the user is near the electronic device, the

communication unit transmits the warning information to an unregistered device that has not been registered by the user as a device that is to receive the warning information.

15. (Previously Presented) The electronic device according to Claim 13, wherein the warning information comprises at least one of image data, text data and audio data.

16. (Previously Presented) The electronic device according to Claim 13, wherein the electronic device and the registered device are connected to a domestic network.

17. (Previously Presented) The electronic device according to Claim 14, wherein, if the warning status is not released in spite of transmitting the warning information to the unregistered device and if it is determined that the user is not near the electronic device, the communication unit transmits the warning information to the one or more hand-held terminals according to the predetermined order.

18. (Previously Presented) A method for an electronic device, comprising the steps of:

detecting whether a warning status has occurred; and

notifying a user that the warning status has occurred;

wherein, if the warning status is not released within a predetermined time, transmitting warning information to a registered device that has been registered by the user as a device that is to receive the warning information,

if the warning status is not released in spite of transmitting the warning

information to the registered device and if it is determined that the user is not near the electronic device, transmitting the warning information to one or more hand-held terminals in an external network according to a predetermined order, and

if the warning status is released within a predetermined time having elapsed from the transmission of the warning information to the hand-held terminal, transmitting warning released information indicating that the warning status has been released to the hand-held terminal.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising the step of:

before it is determined whether or not the user is near the electronic device, transmitting the warning information to an unregistered device that has not been registered by the user as a device that is to receive the warning information.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the warning information comprises at least one of image data, text data and audio data.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the electronic device and the registered device are connected to a domestic network.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 19, further comprising the step of:

if the warning status is not released in spite of transmitting the warning information to the unregistered device and if it is determined that the user is not near the

electronic device, transmitting the warning information to the one or more hand-held terminals according to the predetermined order.

23. to 26. (Canceled)